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TIONS WITH EC-9 AND OECD

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1. AS REPRESENTATIVES TO A MULTILATERAL FORUM, WE ESPE-
CIALLY WELCOME THE INITIATIVE DESCRIBED IN THE REFERENCED
CABLE AND EARLIER MESSAGES. THE MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED
THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASPECTS OF OUR DIPLOMACY,
THE MORE EFFECTIVE EACH WILL BE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL GOALS.

2. AS WE SEE IT, A HIGH DEGREE OF COORDINATION BETWEEN
OUR MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL POSITIONS HAS ALREADY
EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

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AMONQ DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN THE ESSENTIAL

CONCERNS OF THE OECD. YET EVEN IN THIS AREA, CHANGES ARE OCCURRING. MORE AND MORE, THE ISSUES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY ARE BEING MULTILATERALIZED, NOT ONLY IN THE OECD, BUT IN OTHER FORUMS AS WELL, AND IN GENERAL THE MULTILATERAL IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES HAS INCREASED. AS ONE RESULT, A NEW DIMENSION OF COMPLEXITY HAS DEVELOPED, WHICH MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS THE CROSS FORUM FACTOR.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, WITHIN OECD ITSELF A RELATIONSHIP OF SOME INTRICACY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED REGARDING THE IEA. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE EC TO THE OECD HAS ALSO DEVELOPED ITS COMPLEXITIES, WHICH HAVE DRAWN COMMENT BY BOTH THIS MISSION (OECD PARIS 2315) AND USEC AND TO WHICH WE WILL DEVOTE FURTHER ATTENTION IN OUR UPCOMING ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT. THE OECD HAS TRADITIONALLY SERVED AS A CAUCUSSING CENTER FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC MATTERS COMING UP WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIEC DIALOGUE, AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO A COMPLEX INTERPLAY OF EVENTS IN OTHER FORUMS (UNCTAD, THE MTN, UNIDO, ECOSOC, THE UNGA, ETC.) THE CROSS-FORUM FACTOR WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. SO TOO OF COURSE WILL THE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED WAY WE USE OUR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

4. AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS OBSERVED, THIS MISSION AND USUN HAVE BEGUN TO INCLUDE EACH OTHER AS INFO ADDRESSEES ON CABLES OF INTEREST TO BOTH. WE HAVE GREATLY BENEFITED FROM THE ACCESS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION THIS PRACTICE HAS PROVIDED AND WE CERTAINLY INTEND TO CONTINUE AND STRENGTHEN THE INTERCHANGE.

5. WHILE ALL OFFICERS IN THIS MISSION ARE ENGAGED IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, MELVIN H. LEVINE, COUNSELOR OF MISSION, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO SERVE AS COORDINATOR FOR CIEC AND ALL UN ISSUES RELATED TO NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS. TURNER

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